

BLAMES THE NAVY FOR MANY DEATHS

Women Nurses Recommended As Result of Rixey's Statement.

Another naval problem has been launched by Surgeon General Rixey, in a statement to Secretary Metcalf, in which he alleges that "there has been, and is now, much preventable suffering" in the navy, and that "many deaths have occurred which might have been prevented."

The statement is embodied in a memorandum to Secretary Metcalf, which, as a result, press upon Congress the passage of a bill to authorize the establishment of a corps of trained women nurses, the increase of the hospital corps, and the appointment of dental surgeons.

The surgeon general says: "With a deficiency of at least 250 men nurses and a large majority of those on duty untrained, the graves concern is felt by this bureau as to the care of those needing proper nursing. The result of this condition, which has persisted for the past four years, is such that there has been, and is now, much preventable suffering of the sick and the injured of the navy, and I believe also that many deaths have occurred which might have been prevented if this bureau's request as to action in regard to this matter of nursing had been acted upon several years ago."

"I wish to state that this bureau has done its full duty in and out of season to bring the attention of the department and Congress to the conditions which have existed so long."

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL EXHIBITS THE CLASS WORK

More than fifteen hundred people attended the exhibition given Friday night at the Armstrong Manual Training School at the close of the commercial and industrial classes. Work from the Armstrong, Stevens, Randall, and Garnett schools, comprising practical demonstrations in sewing, millinery, carpentry, and cooking, was shown.

William H. Singleton, chairman of the school committee of the Board of Trade; John A. Chamberlain, P. B. Mertz, director of night schools and assistant superintendent of colored schools; Roscoe C. Bruce, were among the speakers who addressed the classes on industrial training.

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Wins by "Poke Chops" To His Wife's Disgust

Court Decides That Some Man Other Than Husband Ate of Them—Jones Promises to Provide for Children.

A plentitude of pork chops for feminine consumption not furnished by the defendant in the suit for non-support brought yesterday before the District court that handles such matrimonial tangles, influenced the kindly judge, who presides over the destinies of many of Washington's unhappy pairs to decide against the woman in the case and prescribe merely that the defendant husband should set apart a portion of his earnings to aid in the support of the children.

The courtroom was unusually crowded when the bailiff rapped for order. The case of Estelle Jones against Henry Jones was the first on the docket. When the clerk called upon the principals and witnesses in the case to step forward and be sworn, the entire assemblage rose practically as a body and swarmed down upon the astonished court officials.

"I said the principals and witnesses in this case," cried the clerk.

Witnesses Number 27.
A colored gentleman of the District bar, tall, gray, and of exceeding dignity, addressed the clerk.

"I represent the plaintiff, Estelle Jones," he declared, "and there are fifteen witnesses here for the prosecution."

"Ah have de honah ob representin' de defendant," exclaimed a wizened little man wearing a huge pair of black rimmed spectacles, "an' we has twelve witnesses ter prove dat der ain't nothin' objectionable in my client's conduct towards dis person who has de crony to enter suit against him."

The witnesses were sworn in a body and escorted to the adjoining room to await examination.

Mrs. Estelle was given the first chance to speak. She could hardly restrain herself until the judge gave her permission to tell her story.

"De Low Downest Man."

"Judge, yer honor, dis ole man ob mine is de low downest, most miserable, pursumonious ole skinkint what ever lived. Ah jest had ter drive him away from mah doh erbout six months ago, an' he ain't never done nothin' foh me sence. Ah hes had ter wash foh mah two chillen, an Ah hex witnesses ter prove dat I ain't fit foh ter wuk ez hand ez Ah do. Ah axes yer ter make dat measly man pay me er enough to keep mahself an' dem two chillen from starvation's doh."

"Is your husband a drinking man?" asked the judge.

"Ah don't know dat he could rightly be called er drinkin' man, but he likes his gin an' blackberry all right, an dere ain't many Sat'day nights dat he ain't rollin' down de street cussin' an swearin' in usin' bad words an language."

"You say he is not living with you?" put in the judge.

"Livin' wid me," indignantly. "No, suh, Ah ain't livin' wid no soch low down dawg ez him. Eff Ah couldn't get somethin' beten'n dat ter live wid—"

Estelle Trips Herself.

At this juncture her legal adviser raised an admonishing finger, halting her precipitous conversation. His action was observed by the little attorney for the defendant, and he quickly took up the point.

"Den you, is livin' wid some'un else?" he asked triumphantly.

"Who let you in on dis conversation?" replied the indignant witness.

"Taint none ob yoh business eff Ah wuz, but Ah ain't, judge, deed Ah ain't."

Estelle was excused temporarily and resumed her seat, weeping copiously.

Witness after witness followed, testifying with varying degrees of sincerity, to the effect that Mrs. Jones was a much abused woman, and that Mr. Jones should by all means be behind penitentiary bars.

The little attorney did his best to confuse the witnesses, but gained nothing for his cause. The case looked exceedingly black for Mr. Jones, when he was called to the stand to testify in his own behalf.

His opening words threw a bombshell into the camp of the enemy. The judge opened by asking him why he did not support his wife.

Jones Tells His Story.

"Yoh honor, judge," declared Jones, with a ring of determination and disgust in his voice. "Ah went ter dat woman's house after she done throw me out, an Ah axes her, Ah does, eff der ain't nothin' Ah kin do toward sumpthin' her an' makin' mah peace wid her. Er big nigger wid er ugly face met me at de doh. 'Ah comes ter see Mrs. Jones,' Ah says."

"Oh, does yer?" says he, wid er grin. Den he calls into de house. 'Stella' says he, jes like dat, callin' mah wife 'Stella.' 'Day's er colored man here ter see yer,' he says."

"Den she came ter de doh. 'What you want eroun' yehah,' she says. 'Ain' Ah tole yer ter keep yoh mahly face away from mah yard?'"

"Ah tell her dat Ah jus' drop eroun' ter see eff dere ain' sumpin' Ah kin do fer yer and de children."

"Now, indeedy," she say, 'Ah don't want none ob yoh sumpin'. Ah's libin' easy, on poke chops greasy.' Ah's libin' easy, on poke chops greasy."

FOES OF PROHIBITION WILL GATHER TODAY

Arrangements for the anti-prohibition meeting of the Personal Liberty League in Masonic Temple at 4 o'clock this afternoon were completed last evening, when a partial list of the speakers and entertainers was made known.

Augustus Newberger has been named as the speaker for the United German Societies. Among the other speakers will be the Rev. Father Schmidt, Rabbi Simon, Charles A. Durr, vice president of the Personal Liberty League; Samuel DeNevedy, of the Trades Unionist; P. T. Moran, Gen. Andrew S. Burt, and many others.

The Ladies' Army Canteen Club will attend in a body. Washington women opposing prohibition are invited as guests of the Canteen Club. The general public is invited to attend the grand rally.

An exceptional musical and literary program has been arranged. Principal among the singers will be Mrs. Inez Seymour McConnell, T. H. Maxwell, and E. Lawrence Phillips.

Jones' story had made a decided impression on the judge, and he hastened to counteract it.

"But you didn't furnish her those pork chops, did you?" he asked, sarcastically.

"Poke Chops" Save Him.

"Ah ain't talkin' ter you, Ah's er dresen' de judge. Ah don't want ter say nothin' ter you er'tall," responded Mr. Jones, with hauteur.

"Do you think the gentleman that met you at the door of your former home has anything to do with it?" asked the judge.

"Ah ain't sayin' but Ah spects eff dere is any poke chops fryin' eroun' dat house he gets some ob 'em anyway," answered Mr. Jones, slyly.

Mr. Jones' witnesses seemed to bear out his assertion, and the court finally decided to put the children in charge of some relatives and ordered Mr. Jones to pay \$15 a month toward their support.

Mrs. Jones was left out of consideration in the matter, and departed with her train of champions, breathing defiance.

Mr. Jones agreed to the order of the court with good grace.

TORPEDO BOATS COMMISSIONED.
The Bureau of Navigation yesterday ordered the three torpedo boats Davis, Farragut, and Fox, now at Mare Island, to be placed in commission. The three little vessels will be ready for service in a few days, and will be the only ships of their kind on review when Admiral Evans and his big battleships gather with the Pacific fleet in San Francisco harbor.

Cut Flowers of Rare Beauty and fragrance. Shaffer, florist, 14th and I.
reading: 1 out of 10 is worth your AT-8 out of 10 Times want ads. are "worth TENTION!"

JAPANESE CAUGHT IN BUSINESS CRISIS

Depression More Marked in Smaller Towns Than at Capital.

TOKYO, March 14.—While denials come from all sides that Japan is suffering from a panic, there is no concealing the fact that the financial situation continues depressing. Unless improvement comes soon there are evidences that conditions will become serious in the extreme.

The business depression is more acute in some other cities than it is in Tokyo, but this, of course, reflects directly on affairs here. Business men are beginning cautious, and financiers are beginning to hoard their money and call in loans not protected by gilt-edged securities.

In Osaka and Kobe several failures of small banks and business houses are reported. So far none of the business collapses has been important enough to have any marked effect, but all have added to the feeling of uneasiness.

In explanation of the condition prevailing at Osaka, it is said that the market is overstocked, and this has caused the trouble. A similar situation is reported at Kobe. The scarcity of money, has, of course, had a depressing effect.

In this city conditions are better than in some of the smaller towns. There are ugly rumors that some institutions that have been considered weak ever since war times may not be able to weather the storm. First of all, the outlook is far from encouraging, and no real improvement is expected for some time.

GUNTON TEMPLE CHURCH RE-ELECTS OLD TRUSTEES

Members of the board of trustees of Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church were unanimously re-elected at a meeting held Thursday evening.

The Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the church, presided, and W. W. Thrall served as secretary. Reports from all the societies and organizations were read. They showed that the year had been a prosperous one.

John B. Blos, William Turpin, George F. Storch, and Robert J. Boyd were the trustees re-elected.

HEROIC SAILOR COMMENDED.
Secretary Metcalf sent a letter of commendation today to Lawrence Sullivan, boatswain's mate on the Mayflower, for his gallantry in rescuing L. S. Barber, an ordinary seaman, from drowning.

Sullivan jumped overboard from a float alongside the Mayflower, while the vessel was at Norfolk, and seized Barber, who had fallen overboard.

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HIGHER G. P. O. PRICE INCREASES ESTIMATES

That the increased cost of composition at the Government Printing Office has compelled the Interior Department to raise its estimates for printing for the next fiscal year by \$25,000 became known yesterday. The Secretary of the Interior notified the House that the composition cost has increased from 70 to 90 cents, making the increased estimate necessary.

Chairman Landis, of the Printing Committee, received from the White House yesterday afternoon the Rossier special report on conditions at the printer. Mr. Landis saw how thick it looked, and decided not to make it public until tomorrow.

This report will have much to do with Mr. Landis' next move in his investigation of affairs at the printer.

WHITE PLAGUE LECTURE FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

A lecture to housekeepers upon the relation of housekeeping to consumption will be given Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the headquarters of the Committee on Prevention of Consumption, 323 H street northwest.

Miss Isabel L. Strong, superintendent of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society of this city, will be the speaker. The lecture will be held in the rooms where the Committee on Prevention of Consumption is establishing a permanent exhibit, and available parts of the exhibit will be used for demonstration.

"Tuberculosis, a Preventable and Curable Disease" was the subject of a lecture delivered before St. John's Masonic Lodge in the Masonic Temple Friday night. Dr. Hamilton Wright and Dr. William C. Gwynn discussed the subject, and Charles F. Weller followed with stereopticon views.

COL. DEEMS TRANSFERRED TO FORT HANCOCK, N. J.

Orders were issued by the War Department yesterday relieving Lieut. Col. Clarence Deems from further duty at Fort Howard, Md., and directing him to proceed to Fort Hancock, N. J.

The transfer will probably conclude the series of incidents in which Colonel Deems has recently been the central figure. As commandant of the artillery district at Fort Howard, he preferred charges against Capt. Arthur W. Chase for insubordination. Following the trial he himself was ordered before a rating board, which returned a report favorable to him.

This report was disapproved by the Secretary of War, but no further action could be taken.

Baltimore and Ohio to Cincinnati, Louisville, and St. Louis, 9:10 a. m., 4:05 p. m., and 12:40 night. Ticket offices 1417 G st. nw. and 619 Penna. ave.

KICKED BY BUTLER IN MORGAN'S HOME

Alleged Jewelry Thief Said to Be Bold Interloper.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Following the arrest in Brooklyn today of Louis Pry, on the charge of having robbed the home of S. C. Bowley, a resident of the transir borough, of \$2,000 worth of jewelry, detectives made the declaration that six months ago Pry had entered the home of J. P. Morgan, in Madison avenue, and been badly worsted by a butler, who caught him in the house.

Pry, it was stated, was kicked down stairs and sustained a broken leg. He was allowed to creep away, however, before detectives arrived, and so escaped arrest.

Pry obtained a job as butler from Bowley, and a woman, who passed as his wife, was employed as maid. They resided shortly after the jewelry disappearance, and had been hunted until today, when they were run down. Their investigation convinced the officers the woman had nothing to do with the job, and she was released. Pry was held in \$2,000 bail.

Pry's alleged entrance of the Morgan mansion, according to the detectives, was due to his unhesitating acceptance of an unusual opportunity offered him. According to the officers' story, Pry was passing the mansion, and noticed the front door ajar. He ran up the steps and entered. He was able to conceal himself and explore part of the house, which is crammed with art treasures and valuables.

The butler finally found him in a sitting room and ordered him out. As Pry was descending the stairs the butler gave him a kick which sent him headlong down the whole flight. He brought up against the door, and was picked up unconscious and with a broken leg. No effort was made to detain him, and he crawled away.

THOMAS J. HIGGS DIES; VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

Thomas J. Higgs, sixty-six years old, died yesterday at his home, 237 First street southwest. Mr. Higgs was born in Hancock, Md., and had been living in Washington for the last twelve years. He was engaged in the grocery and lunch room business. He was a member of the G. A. R.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be made in Arlington Cemetery.

Baltimore and Return, 9:15, Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices 1417 G st. and 619 Penna. ave.

Lace Jackets Guimpes 65c Yokes Worth \$1.00 to \$2.50
Just a small lot secured from an importer who wanted to dispose of these pieces before returning home. The Bolero Jackets are of mull, combined with lace, linen with Venice lace medallion trimming, also a few of all lace. The lace yokes are of Point Venice in a number of very effective designs. The lace Guimpes have sleeves.
1st floor—S. Kann, Sons & Co.

S. KANN & SONS & CO.
8th St. & PA. AVE.
"THE BUSY CORNER"

Silk brocaded poplin
25 cents (A 50c value)
The fabric is in shades suitable for street or evening wear, including the very latest and most wanted colorings. The combination of silk with finest Egyptian yarn cotton gives a fabric of marvelous strength and one so woven as to bring out all the beauty and luster of the silk; 7 inches wide.

Embroideries and laces
At prices in lowness almost unbelievable at any season
Swiss shirt waist frontings
Two great lots in Swiss, of unusually good qualities. The collection includes Blind, Shadow, Fillet, Conventional, and Openwork designs in both neat and showy effects.
Lot 1—values up to \$1.50 yd. Sale price 69c yard
Lot 2—Values up to \$2.98 yd. Sale price 98c yard
Fine Swiss bandings, 14,000 yards
This lot comprises a maker's entire sample line of fine Swiss Bandings, in hundreds of different patterns, all this season's designs, and offered at an average of less than half price.
Lot 3—2 ins. to 8 ins. wide. Values, 15c a yard up to 40c a yard. Sale price 12 1/2c yard
Lot 4—3 ins. to 10 ins. wide. Values 49c a yard to 69c a yard. Sale price 16c yard
Swiss demi-flouncing, 49c yard. Values, 75c to \$1.25 yard
This lot is unusually good and the patterns are very attractive. The flouncing is all 18 inches wide and there are 64 different patterns.
15 pieces Fine Venice and Fillet Bandings, no two pieces alike, in white, butter, and ecru, each in widths 1 1/2 inches to 3 inches, and worth up to 85c a yard. Tomorrow, while they last, sale price yd.
25c
Lot of Oriental All-over Laces, 36 inches wide, in white and butter color; none worth less than \$1.00 a yard. Tomorrow, sale price a yard, 65c
Lot of 72 inch wide white and ecru washable Blonde Dress Nets, worth 35c a yard. Sale price, yard, 39c

Strictly high-class woven
SHIRTING MADRAS
in 25c yd. to 35c a yd. qualities **17c yd.**
Two years ago we got a similar lot and it will be remembered by many. These are men's shirting patterns, and are the styles the makers had reserved for the makers of men's shirts. You know how goods of that character wear. And how very desirable they are for making waists for women and dresses for children, as well as men's shirts. The need of money caused the makers to sacrifice their reserve stock. How often have you admired the patterns and texture of the material in men's shirts—and hunted in vain for it. It's good luck for you that the money market is "tight," otherwise the shirtmakers would have got these goods.
5 patterns of that famous
15c Paris batiste
Monday, 8 7/8c yd.
On each piece at intervals of about 1 1/2 yards and about 3 inches from the selvage you'll note a slight cut about 1/4 of an inch long. That defect resulted from a break in the weaving machinery and was not discovered until many pieces had been woven.
THESE GOODS were offered to us at a fraction of their worth. Before buying them we sent many waist patterns to a dressmaker and found that the imperfections really did not matter, as waists could be easily cut without including the defect in any part where it could be noticed.
These have all white grounds with black pin dots, polka dots, dot, ring and combination designs. Good for mannish waists or women's tailored shirts.
59c silk-warp pongee
39c yd.
Just a small quantity. A regular Oriental pongee effect. Offered in cream, old rose, garnet, navy, pongee, brown, reseda, pink, blue, natural, and black.
Wash Goods Dept.—1st floor.

Besides rough shantung, all-silk taffeta habutai, new checks, and black silks, we have
5,000 yards of 59c, 69c, and 75c Printed foulards and pongees
At **39c yard**
These Foulards and Pongees are in plain, twilled, and satin weaves. All are this season's best styles, with dots and spots in all sizes, ring patterns, and other fancy effects. Grounds are navy, black, and brown, with figures and dots in white. Also these with white grounds and dots and figures in black. Also a number of pieces for evening wear with dots and figures in white, new leather, and Copenhagen. These goods are not seconds, but perfect goods, and at 39c a yard one of the most sensational values this department ever presented.
2,000 yds rough novelty shantung 59c yd.
All silk and 27 in. wide. These are offered in all the desirable natural grounds with novelty effects. These silks sell regularly at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard.
2,500 yds. plain rough shantung 68c yd.
27 inches wide and in the quality that sell regularly at \$1.60 a yard. Fine line of shades, including all the staple colors and the new leather, Copenhagen, old blue, gray, etc.
3,400 yds. all-silk taffeta habutai 33c yd.
A 24 inch silk, especially liked for making waists, net waist linings, kimono, tea gowns, and other lingerie articles. A regular 60 silk. Plenty of pink, light blue, lavender, cerise, tan, champagne, natural, yellow, Allice blue. The wanted street shades, black, white, ivory, and cream.
Special offering new checked silks 39c yd.
3,000 yards only at this price. An ideal silk for spring wear and one that is very fashionable. A variety of checks in black and white, navy and white, brown and white, Copenhagen and white.
Grand bargains in washable habutai
24 inches wide, worth 50c, at, yard, .33c
27 inches wide, worth 50c, at, yard, .36c
27 inches wide, worth 50c, at, yard, .39c
27 inches wide, worth 60c, at, yard, .48c
A notable purchase of 400 new spring suits, worth up to \$40, and 100 handsome silk dresses, worth up to \$35
All to be sold at \$19.75
You can, positively, while this sale lasts, get the best suits ever offered in this city at \$19.75. They are mostly sample suits. Five of the country's best makers have supplied the suits, none of which sell regularly under \$25.00, and very few worth so little. All styles good this season to be found. The dresses likewise are samples, coming from several makers. Not one worth under \$25.00, and the majority worth nearer to \$35.00.